

Conservation Connections

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Setting Your Sights on Squirrels

By James Bolden Jr., Conservation Agent

With the spring firearms turkey season coming to an end soon, do you still feel the need to head outdoors and pursue a worthy adversary? If so, you are in luck! Squirrel season opens on the fourth Saturday in May and goes through February 15th of the following year. The daily limit is ten (10) squirrels with a possession limit of twenty (20).

If you're looking for something to do with your son or daughter, or even just on your own, squirrel hunting is a great outdoor activity. There are many positive results from squirrel hunting. It gets you off the couch and outside for some fresh air. You have an opportunity to get some great exercise by walking in the woods. You get to see, hear, and smell nature. Also, you learn or hone firearms skills such as patience, accuracy, and safety.

Squirrels abound in spring, and spring hunting for squirrels can be very action-packed. Therefore, if you think you are up for the task of squirrel hunting, then you should get out and do

some scouting to find where these creatures of habit are located. To find concentrations of squirrels in spring, look for big mulberry trees. Squirrels eagerly seek mulberries in spring, and three species of mulberry grow in Missouri - red, white, and black. An easier way to bag squirrels in spring is to look for a concentration of den trees.

In late May, Missouri is bulging with young squirrels. They tend to stick close to their dens for some time after being weaned, so find

active den trees and you will hit pay dirt.

Once you find the squirrels, then bust out the .22 rifle or the .410 shotgun for some good time spent in Missouri's woods this spring.



Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

May 2010

801 Strodtman Road, St. Louis, MO 63138 Office hours are Wednesday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For reservations call (314) 877- 6014 Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-270 north take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north approximately 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/areas/bottom/

1 Sunset Over the Prairie

Saturday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(Ages 6 & up) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area is big sky country in north county, and the sunsets here can be spectacular. We will meet at the Prairie Exploration Station and walk to the Wetland Station, where we will try out the new boardwalk over the wetland to the viewing blind. As we face the setting sun while returning to the Prairie Station, we will watch for the early flashing of fireflies, and listen to the calling of toads and frogs. Deer and coyotes may venture out in search of food while bats scoop up insects as they swoop silently overhead. (Reservations begin April 17.)

11 Seniors' Spring Picnic at the Confluence

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(Ages 60 & up) Celebrate spring's arrival with a picnic lunch in the new open-air pavilion at the Confluence. Before lunch we will spend time on the viewing platform at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. We will look for spring flowers and learn how to identify some of Missouri's native trees. Our investigation will include light walking on a paved trail with easy access to all the areas we visit. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. Water and dessert will be provided. (Reservations begin April 28.)



22 Birding at the Bottom

Saturday 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Birding Trips at 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

(All Ages) Guess who's coming for breakfast. The St. Louis Audubon Society (SLAS) and the World Bird Sanctuary banding team (WBS)! SLAS is offering bird ID trips around Columbia Bottom CA while WBS demonstrates bird banding and discusses what we can learn from the data collected. MDC naturalists will be available to answer questions about the natural history of Columbia Bottom and offer hands-on activities. So, come early because the early bird always gets the worm. In partnership with: The Confluence Partnership, St. Louis Audubon, and the World Bird Sanctuary. (Reservations are not required.)



22 Where Does the Butterfly Go When it Rains?



Saturday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 3 - 6) When it rains where do you go? Inside where it is safe and dry? Where do you think all the animals go? We will discover where they spend their wet, rainy days through stories, experiments, a craft, songs, and games. (Reservations begin May 8.)

23 Confluence Quilters/Crafters

Sunday 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Ages 10 & up) Confluence Quilter/Crafters will continue their explorations of the seasons. Although the group began in the fall, new members and all ability levels are welcome. After a short walk to be inspired by nature, we will head inside to explore the shapes and colors of spring. Enjoy refreshments with us and share ideas for design possibilities to create a spring quilt block. This is the third of four blocks celebrating the seasons which will be put together to make an original wall hanging. Patterns will be provided, or you may come up with your own inspired design. For those of you who made a winter block, bring it to show. (Reservations begin May 9.)



28 Spring Full Moon Hike

Friday 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

(Ages 6 & up) As the sun sets, a full moon, known as the "planting moon" takes its place in the sky, and nature's "night shift" creatures appear on the scene. Nocturnal animals – those which are active at night – have bodies and senses adapted to life after dark. The presence of deer, raccoons and other animals is revealed in eyeshine – reflection of light in their eyes. A chorus of tree frogs serenades us as we watch bats swoop overhead and fireflies silently blink messages to each other. We will listen and look for these and other members of nature's "night shift" as we walk from the slough to the Confluence. (Reservations begin May 14.)



August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 441-4554 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 2 miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/busch/

5 Aquatic Critters

Wednesday 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

(Families ages 6 & up) Come explore an aquatic habitat! Use our dip nets to search for macro-invertebrates while getting a bigger picture of the food chain. (Reservations begin April 21.)

8 Spring Wildflower Walk

Saturday 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Families) Join us at the beautiful gardens at the August A. Busch Visitor Center to see what spring flowers are out soaking up the warm weather. (Reservations begin April 23.)



8 Lewis Hike — Migrating Birds and Spring Wildflowers

Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

(Adults) Join us for a refreshing, 8.3 mile spring hike through the forests and scenic Missouri River Valley views at the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. We will be looking for wildflowers and songbirds. This is a good time to see and hear both migrating and resident songbirds. (Reservations begin April 23.)



15 Welcome

Spring on the Hamburg Trail

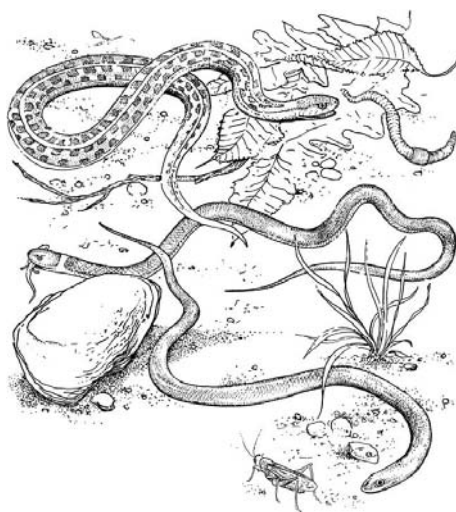
Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(Families ages 10 & up) Come enjoy spring on a bicycle as we explore the Hamburg Trail, which connects the August A. Busch Visitor Center with the Katy Trail. We will stop along the way to enjoy wildlife, wildflowers, and points of historic interest. We will be riding about 14 miles with shorter options of 10 and 12 miles. Just about any bike will work on this trail, except for thin tire road bikes. Be sure to bring water and you must wear a helmet (not provided). (Reservations begin April 30.)

21 Goodness Snakes Alive!

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Ages 4 - 6) Are snakes really slimy? How do they move, smell, hear and catch their food? Learn the answers to these questions and discover more neat stuff about snakes. You will observe live Missouri snakes and even be able to touch them. Come prepared to take a short walk to look for snakes in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin May 7.)



22 Snakes and Lizards — Awesome or What!

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Ages 7 - 12) How many "poisonous" snakes are there in Missouri? Can a lizard grow a new tail? Come find out the answers to these questions while learning about the snakes and lizards of Missouri. You will observe live snakes and even touch some if you want. Come prepared for a short hike to observe snakes and lizards in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin May 7.)

22 Discover Nature — Families: Babes in the Woods

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

(Ages birth - 3 in strollers) Discover Nature! Kids are never too young to enjoy the wonders of the outdoors. Parents with children in strollers will learn how to use nature to stimulate the senses and introduce their babe to the woods. (Reservations begin May 7.)

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Rockwoods Reservation

May 2010

2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 458-2236 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, then immediately right on Glencoe Road. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, then immediately right on Glencoe Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/

1 Cave Exploration!

Saturday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7 & up) Would you like to experience the twilight zone and meet with a real troglodyte? This is just an example of the strange and mysterious things you'll see and experience while exploring the diverse habitat of the "Bathtub Cave." We'll also discuss the fragility of cave ecosystems and see human disturbances being made right with ongoing restoration efforts to help clean up the cave. This wild cave adventure requires crawling on your stomach, hands and knees, and getting dirty. Please wear a long sleeved shirt, long pants, closed toed shoes, and bring a flashlight. Helmets will be provided. (Reservations begin April 16.)

8 Bluebird Condo

Saturday 10 a.m. - Noon

(Families) Join us to learn about the colorful life of your very own Missouri state bird...the bluebird. You'll also build a bluebird house that can be mounted in your yard to see these magnificent birds up close. (Reservations begin April 23.)



Volunteer Milestones

Jane Deschu 750 hrs
Rene Dulle 100 hrs
Jim Westbury 3000 hrs

12 A Worm Ate My Garbage!

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Ages 8 & up) Is one of your New Year's resolutions to reduce, re-use, or recycle? Come learn a simple way to reduce your scraps by having worms recycle your leftovers. You'll have the opportunity to see a working vermicomposting bin, and the nutrient rich compost created that can be used in your garden. We will also help you make a bin of your own to take home! Just bring a 10 – 18 gallon plastic tub (not clear) with a lid, at least 11 inches deep and an old newspaper. (Reservations begin April 28.)

12 Trail Among the Trees Hike

Wednesday 10 a.m. - Noon

(Families) Take a leisurely hike on one of the Rockwoods Reservation treasured trails. We will explore flora and fauna as we enjoy the spring weather. (Reservations begin April 28.)

25 Cave Exploration!

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7 & up) Would you like to experience the twilight zone and meet with a real troglodyte? This is just an example of the strange and mysterious things you'll see and experience while exploring the diverse habitat of the "Bathtub Cave." We'll also discuss the fragility of cave ecosystems and see human disturbances being made right with ongoing restoration efforts to help clean up the cave. This wild cave adventure requires crawling on your stomach, hands and knees, and getting dirty. Please wear a long sleeved shirt, long pants, closed toed shoes, and bring a flashlight. Helmets will be provided. (Reservations begin May 11.)



Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For reservations call (314) 877-1309 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Kingshighway north to West Pine Boulevard, turn left. Follow West Pine to Lindell, turn left onto Lindell. Continue on Lindell past Union Drive to Cricket, turn left. Take first available right onto Grand Drive. The Visitors Center is the tan brick, red tile-roofed building with arched windows, and a clock tower. It will be on the right side of the street. Free parking is available in the double lot to the left or on the street.

4 Mmmm Mmm Good: Animal Smell & Taste

Tuesday 10 a.m. - Noon

(Ages 5 - 8) This is the last class of the *Sensational Animals Series*. Animal senses are crucial for finding food, finding a mate and staying alive. Our sense of smell tells us a lot about our environment and whether certain foods are favorable or not. Ever notice that you can smell a whole lot better during or after a rainstorm. Hmm...why is that? We will focus on smell and taste to learn amazing ways that animals use these senses in order to survive. Meet at the Dennis and Judith Jones Visitor & Education Center in Forest Park. The program will be held both indoors and outdoors. (Reservations begin April 21.)

Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

May 2010

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

Hours are: December 1 - March 31 open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 1 - November 30 open Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Closed all State and Federal Holidays.

For reservations call (636) 441-4554 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 5 miles. The area entrance is on the south side of Hwy D.

Visit <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch/>

7 Ranges Closed — Holiday

9 Mother's Day — Moms Shoot Free

15 Discover Nature — Families: Basic Archery

Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon

(Ages 11 & up) Tired of the same old family outings and looking for something new to do? Join us for our introductory class in archery. This class is designed for families, to learn the fundamentals of archery. We will cover parts of the bow, different types, stances, and techniques to get you on target. (Reservations begin April 15.)

19 Discover Hunting — Quail Habitat

Wednesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(Ages 11 & up) This program will cover aspects of quail management such as food plots and types of habitat used for shelter so that these birds can thrive and you can have a sustainable hunting population. (Reservations begin April 19.)

20, 22 Discover Nature — Women: Basic Trap

Tuesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.,

Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

(Ages 14 & up) This program is designed for women who

have had some experience with shotguns, want to improve their skills, learn the basics of trap shooting, and become a successful trap shooter. The class portion will cover field layout, chokes, distances, stances, gun mount, different techniques, and above all safety. Then we go to the range to practice and develop new skills. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. You can bring your own equipment or we can provide it for you. (Reservations begin April 20.)



31 Ranges Closed — Holiday



For a complete listing of all Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education classes throughout the region, visit the web at www.mdc.mo.gov/area/stlouis and click on the "Hunter Education" link on the left of the page.

Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

May 2010

1100 Antire Road, High Ridge, MO 63049

Range Hours: May 1 - August 31: Wednesday 1 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thursday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

September 1 - April 30: Wednesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and all State and Federal Holidays.

For reservations call (636) 938-9548 Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From the east/St. Louis: I-44 west to Beaumont/Antire Road, exit 269. Left over I-44 to Antire Road. Right on Antire road. One hundred feet to entrance. Left into driveway. From the west/Eureka: I-44 east to Beaumont/Antire Road, exit 269. Follow exit lane around to top.

Visit <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges/>

Rifle/Pistol Range closed for renovation
Trap, Shotgun Patterning, and Archery ranges open

NEW HOURS: Beginning May 1, 2010 the Jay Henges Shooting Range will have new public hours. Our hours will be:

May 1—Aug. 31

- Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday—Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 1—April 30

- Wednesday—Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

7 Ranges Closed — Holiday

9 Mother's Day — Moms Shoot Free

11 Discover Nature - Families: Basic Archery



Tuesday 6 - 7:30 p.m.

(Ages 8 & up) Learn the fundamentals of shooting the bow and arrow based on the Missouri National Archery in the School Program (MONASP). *Discover Nature-Families* programs are designed to help adults and children explore nature and master outdoor skills together. Class is limited to 20. (Reservations begin April 11.)

13 Shotshell Reloading Made Easy

Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Ages 16 and up) Due to the rising cost of shotshell ammunition, here is your opportunity to learn the inexpensive process of reloading shotgun shells using simple equipment. This is a hands-on learning class; we'll produce quality shotshells with low-cost equipment. Class is limited to 12. (Reservations begin April 13.)

15 Discover Nature — Families: Outdoor Skills Day

Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(Ages 8 & up) Come to the range for a fun filled day with outdoor skills. Archery and compass will be available from 10 am to noon, dutch oven cooking will be available from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and shotgun shooting will be available from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Try multiple outdoor activities all packed into one day! (Reservations begin April 15.)

20 Introduction to Handguns

Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Ages 16 & up) Join us for a hands-on look at various types of handguns. We'll provide various examples to handle and learn the working mechanisms of revolvers, semi-automatics and some others. This course is a good opportunity to "decide before you buy". There is no range time involved in this introductory program. (Reservations begin April 20.)

22 Discover Nature — Women: Basic Shotgun



Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(Ages 16 & up) Join us for an introductory program shooting shotguns. We will cover proper gun selection, proper fit, ammunition, and shooting accessories. We will learn basic shooting stance, gun mount, and movement. After a classroom session, we'll move to the trap field for a time to practice what we've learned. (Reservations begin April 22.)

26 Introduction to 3D Archery

Wednesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(Ages 11 & up) Archers are invited to come to this informative evening about the sport of 3D archery. We will discuss equipment needed, techniques and how to score. We will be walking our newly revised 15 target 3D range at the Jay Henges complex and you will have the opportunity to shoot if you desire; so bring your bow! (Reservations begin April 26.)

31 Ranges Closed — Holiday

For a complete listing of all Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education classes throughout the region, visit the web at www.mdc.mo.gov and click on the "Hunter Education" link on the left of the page.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 Nature Center hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

REMEMBER, as of March 1, 2010 Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center has **NEW HOURS**

New **building** hours are:

Tuesday through Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

The **area and trails** will be open seven days a week
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Central Standard Time and
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.

1 Scout Discovery Table: Triple Try-Its

Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(All ages) **Brownies** can complete portions of What's Out There?: Animals #3 and #5, Eco-Explorer #1, and Outdoor Adventurer #5. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. (No reservations required.)

4 Discover Nature — Women: It's a Blooming Camera Walk at Emmenegger Park

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - Noon

(Ages 14 & up, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult) There is no better place to be during the spring season than in the woods. Everything is fresh and many forest plants are in bloom. Bring a trail snack, your own camera, film or digital memory cards, and a tripod if you have one. We will walk a comfortable trail along the Meramec, through the forest, and to the hilltop glades. Brush-up on your camera's basic photo modes before the program, and, we'll also learn to use some camera functions that may be new to you. Other skills to be taught and practiced will be subject composition, and natural lighting techniques. Emmenegger Nature Park is located just past Powder Valley. Go west on



Cragwold Road (past the Powder Valley entrance), cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stonewood. Please meet at the pavilion. (Reservations begin April 20.)

8 Butterfly Gardening with Tom Terrific!

Saturday 10 a.m. - Noon

(Ages 9 & up) Join Tom Terrific as he shows you how to attract butterflies in your yard. Tom will talk about site selection and preparation, host and nectar plants, pesticides, native plants, and much more. Tom uses pictures, video, and hands on exhibits to teach you everything you need to know to create a butterfly paradise. After the program you are invited to tour Tom's butterfly gardens in Crestwood to see more than 200 butterfly plant species he grows. (Reservations begin April 22.)

11 LINGER LONGER at Powder Valley!

Tuesday 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(All Ages) Once a month Powder Valley's building hours will be extended until 8 p.m. Enjoy the exhibits and gift shop as you "linger longer" at the Nature Center! Please check your newsletter each month for future dates. No reservations are required.

15 Discover Nature — Families: A Wildflower Surprise!

Saturday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Families with children ages 5 yrs. & up)

We will meet at Emmenegger Nature Park for a wildflower hike. Surprises await you as we explore the various flower habitats at Emmenegger. Use your senses and observe flower anatomy, shape, color, and smells. Following the hike, participants will pot mystery seeds. What will grow from the seed? A surprise! Emmenegger Nature Park is located just past Powder Valley. Go west on Cragwold Road (past the Powder Valley entrance), cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stonewood. Please meet at the pavilion. The entire program will be outdoors, so please dress for the weather. The trails are wood chip trails, so no strollers. (Reservations begin April 29.)



18 Rocking Chair Story Time: Flower Power

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

(Ages 3 - 6) Celebrate the power of flowers with the rocking chair storyteller. Sing a flower song or two. Plant a flower seed to take home. (Reservations begin May 4.)



18 Nature's Niche: Wildflowers

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

(Ages 50 & up) Wildflowers are one of the best parts of spring. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of viewing and identifying wildflowers as we explore the grounds of Powder Valley. Feel free to bring your camera if you have one.



Hopefully there will be some good photo opportunities. Be prepared to walk some of our steeper trails as we search for the best patches of wildflowers. (Reservations begin May 4.)

For reservations call (314) 301-1500

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 east to Kirkwood, take S. Kirkwood Road (Route 61/67). Follow Route 61/67 to Watson Road. Go west on Watson Road to Geyer Road. Go north on Geyer Road 200 yards to Cragwold Road. Go 1 mile west on Cragwold Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/powder/

19 Wonderful Worm Farms

Wednesday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



(Ages 18 & up) Are you tired of throwing away fruit and vegetable scraps? Would you like to make compost for your house plants or garden? Join us as we discuss the methods and rewards of earthworm farming. This will be a hands-on class, helping the naturalist set up new worm farms. If you wish, bring some vegetable kitchen scraps for worm food. (Reservations begin May 5.)

26 The Flowers are Giving a Party

Wednesday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Ages 7 - 12) This spring the flowers are giving a party! Why are they giving it? What invitations are they sending out? Who is invited? What will the guests eat and drink? Spend a fun-filled evening finding out, with special exhibits, crafts, and games. (Reservations begin May 12.)

22 Leaf Identification

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 16 & up) Inside we will learn how to identify many of Missouri's amazing trees by studying the basic structures of their leaves. Then, we will use our new knowledge to identify several of the trees along Tanglevine Trail. (Reservations begin May 6.)

Volunteer Milestones

Cheryl Rafert 1250 hours

Powder Valley Hallway Exhibit

Mike Keehn

Powder Valley welcomes back artist Mike Keehn. Mike has new watercolor pieces for this exhibit. If you missed his previous exhibit, now is your chance to see his work. At the age of 13 Mike began oil painting and has refined his skills through classes in high school, community college, and training at the Chrysler Institute in Detroit. Mike has produced hundreds of paintings along with wood carvings and metal sculptures. Be sure to stop by our exhibit hallway and experience Mike's art.

Conservation Day Camp

Tuesday, June 15 – Friday, June 18 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ages 8 through 13 years

Conservation Day Camp applications will be accepted through May 14, 2010. A lottery drawing will be used to determine participants. Chosen applicants will be notified via phone and e-mail by May 21.

Please complete this form and return to:

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
Conservation Day Camp
11715 Cragwold Rd.
Kirkwood, MO 63122

This form must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 12, 2010, or hand delivered to Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center by 2 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2010.

Family name: _____

Number of children you wish to register (ages 8 through 13 years) _____

Phone #1 _____

Phone #2 _____

E-mail address: _____

